

# Sago Mine Compliance Overview

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Public Hearing on the Sago Mine Disaster



U.S. Dept. of Labor  
Mine Safety and Health Administration



# SAGO MINE BACKGROUND

- Began operation in September of 1999.
- Mine changed ownership from BJM Coal Company to Anker West Virginia, and was acquired by ICG in 2005.
- The mine was idled for extended periods between September of 2003 and December of 2004.

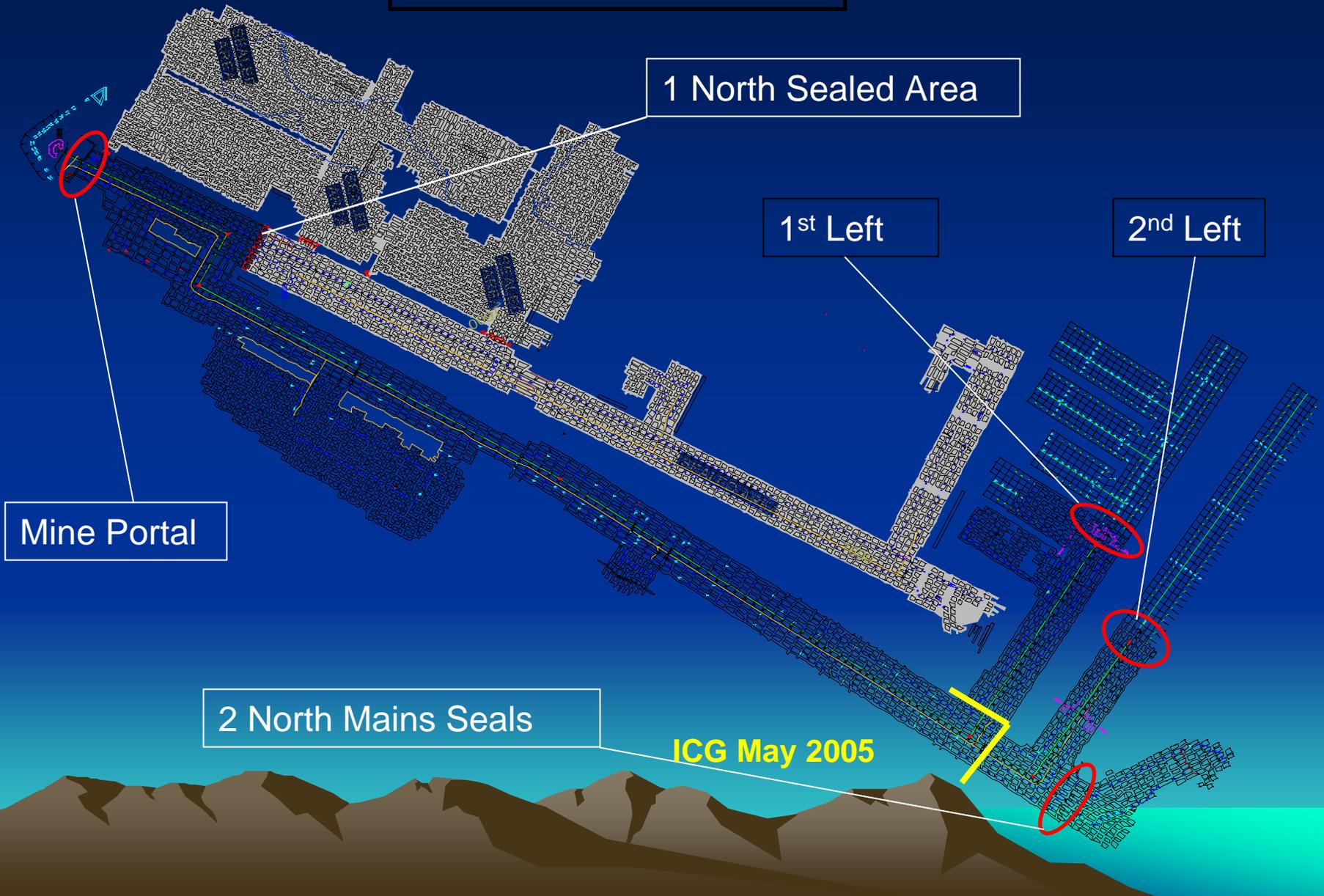


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- District 3's first meeting with ICG personnel was in May of 2005. The meeting was a discussion of ICG properties (including Sago) within District 3.
- MSHA's major concerns at that time were the accumulation of water and roof conditions.

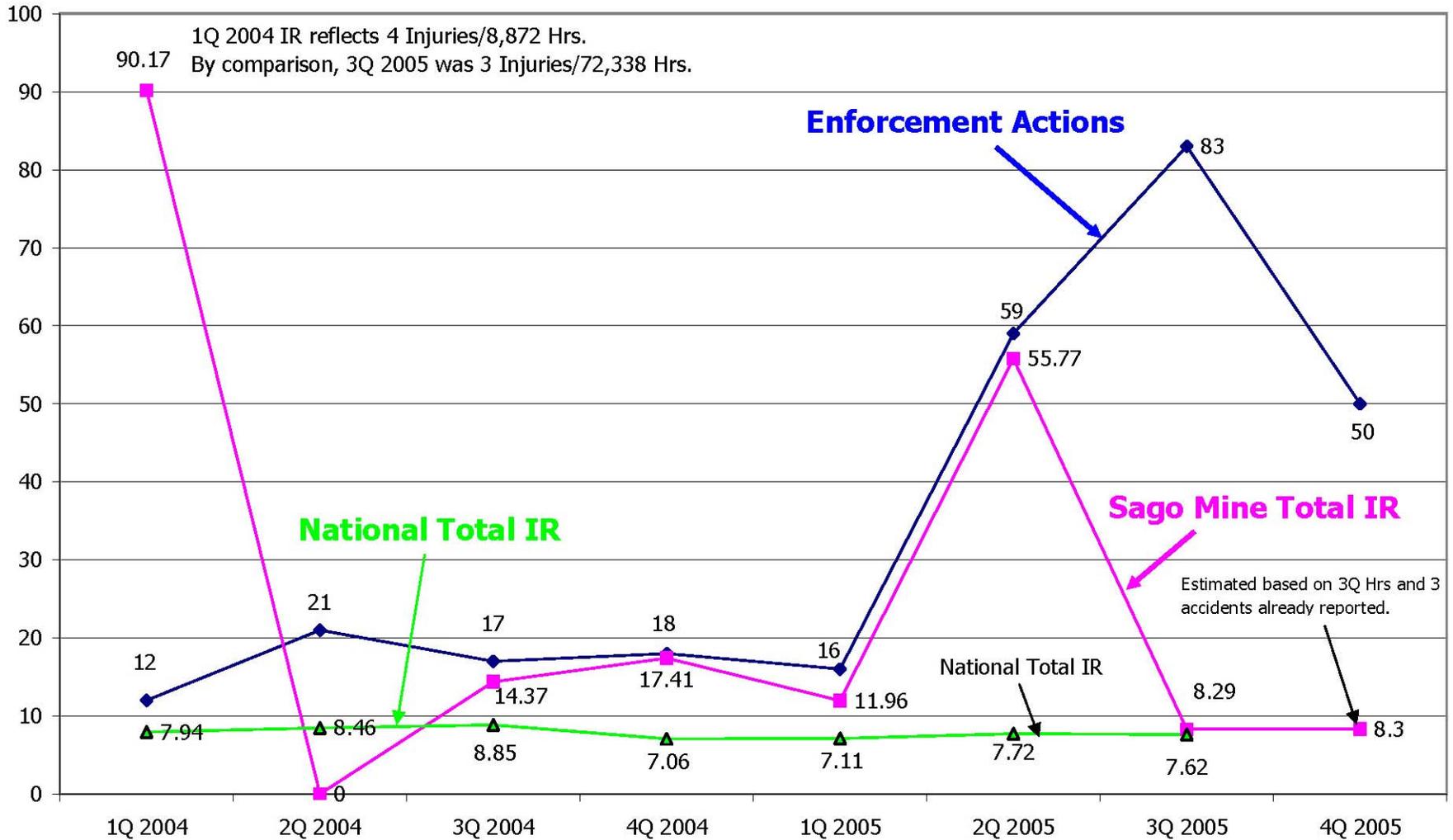


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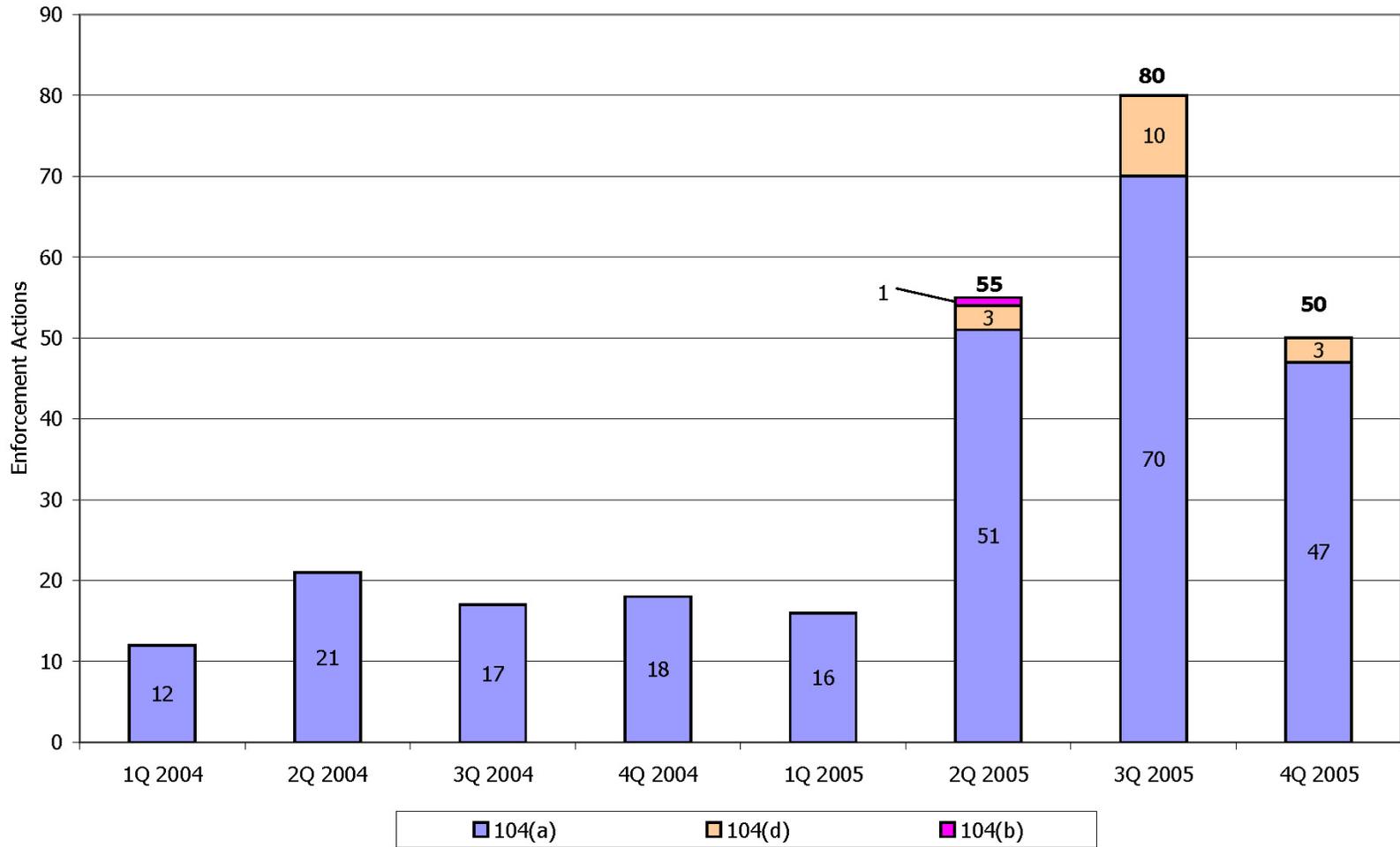
# Quarterly Enforcement Actions vs Total Incident Rate

Sago Mine 2004 - 2005



# Sago Mine Primary Enforcement Actions

2004 - 2005



# OTHER ACTIONS

- 5 top level meetings with mine management
- 18 supervisory visits to the Sago Mine from 4/24/05 to date of the explosion
- Requested Technical Support assistance to reduce accidents and injuries
- Requested EFS assistance for examination training



# IMPROVEMENTS

- Better system to remove water
- Screened roof of primary escapeway, track, and belt
- Better rock dusting applications
- Better mine examinations



# COOPERATION WITH STATE

- Cooperation with the State of West Virginia
  - Good working relationship
  - Coordinated effort at the mine
  - Better coverage

